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PETITION FOR A 5-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition for a 5-month extension of time, from November 2, 2002 up to and including April 1, 2003, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.1.36(a) for filing a response to the Restriction Requirement mailed October 2, 2002 in the above-identified application.

A check in the amount of \$985.00 for the extension fee is enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any under-payments or credit any overpayments to our Deposit Account No. 06-1448.

Respectfully Submitted,

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